

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico (19/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None (0/19)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None (0/19)

Representative Palsrok, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2005. Hearing no objection, the minutes were adopted with **unanimous consent**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4679** before the committee.

HB 4679	Ward	Economic development; downtown development authorities; expansion into certain adjoining townships; provide for.
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Representative Ward explained the intent of the bill.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **support** of the bill.

Dana Foster, representing the City of Brighton, testified in **support** of the bill.

Shea Charles, representing the City of Howell, testified in **support** of the bill.

Ben Stupka, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

James McBryde and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, submitted a testimony card on the bill, indicating a **neutral** position, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to report **House Bill 4679** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico (19/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 525** before the committee.

SB 525	Bishop	Economic development; other; early stage venture investment corporation; allow to have multiple fund managers and provide other amendments.
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Sarah Damaske, from the Office of Senator Bishop, explained the intent of the legislation and answered questions.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **support** of the bill.

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to report **Senate Bill 525** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico (19/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4733** and **4734 (H-1)** before the committee, and reminded the committee that **Substitute (H-1)** was adopted to **House Bill 4734** on May 17, 2005.

HB 4733	Baxter	Single business tax; credit; tax credits for projects of \$200,000.00 or less; provide for criteria.
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HB 4734	Elsenheimer	Single business tax; credit; qualification for projects of \$200,000.00 or less; provide for.
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Representative Elsenheimer explained the intent of **House Bill 4734 (H-1)** and a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Baxter explained the intent of **House Bill 4733**.

Tony Lentych, representing the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, testified in **support** of the proposed **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4734 (H-1)**.

James McBryde and **Mark Morante**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **opposition** to the bills if negotiated amendments are not adopted.

Matt Hanley, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, testified in **support** of **House Bill 4734**.

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to report **House Bill 4733** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative David Law, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4734**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Palsrok, supported by **Representative David Law**, moved to report **House Bill 4734**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4915** before the committee.

HB 4915	Jones	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; definition of industrial property; modify.
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Representative Jones explained the intent of the bill.

Hunter Tully, Kirk Profit and **David Walby**, representing Ryder, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions,

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union - UAW, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Joe Sproles, representing General Motors, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative Murphy**, moved to report **House Bill 4915** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico (19/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:00 p.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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